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**Mail Stop: Patent Application**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Re: New U.S. Patent Appln.  
**Our Ref: 038724.52699US**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a Continuation Application of pending PCT Application No. PCT/EP02/02474 filed on March 6, 2002 of:

**Wolfgang DANZER**

**Entitled: LASER WELDING OF NONFERROUS METALS BY USING LASER DIODES AND PROCESS GAS**

Enclosed are:

1. Specification, including Fourteen (14) claims (1-14 pages).
2. Two (2) Sheets of Informal Drawings showing Figs. 1 and 2.
3. Application Data Sheet (2 pages)
4. Priority is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55 based on Priority Documents 101 10702.1 filed in Germany on March 6, 2001 and 101 10701.3 filed in Germany on March 6, 2001.
5. Benefit is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120 of pending PCT Application No. PCT/EP02/02474 filed on March 6, 2002.
6. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

Basic Fee					\$375/750	= \$750.00
Total Claims	14	-	20	=	0	x \$9/18 = \$
Independent Claims	2	-	3	=	0	x \$42/84 = \$
Multiple Dependent Claim Presented					\$140/280	= \$
Total Filing Fee						<u>\$750.00</u>

**The filing fee is being deferred.**

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